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Sir:

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In satisfaction of the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, and as required by M.P.E.P. § 2001.06(b), the Examiner is required to consider the following applications commonly owned by the Applicant of the present application, which may include subject matter similar to that of the present application:

1. U.S. Patent Application No. 10/012,922, filed October 22, 2001, now U.S. Patent No. 6,565,702; and

2. U.S. Patent Application No. 10/249,224, filed March 24, 2003, now U.S. Patent No. 6,687,917.

Certain of the references cited on the attached PTO/SB/08A and B were cited in an International Search Report dated September 22, 2006, in corresponding PCT Patent Application No. PCT/US05/20867 (WO 2006/023007). A copy of the International Search Report is enclosed herewith.

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If the Examiner has any questions, please contact the undersigned attorney.

Signed this 31 day of October, 2007.

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